

DRAIN PHOTOS

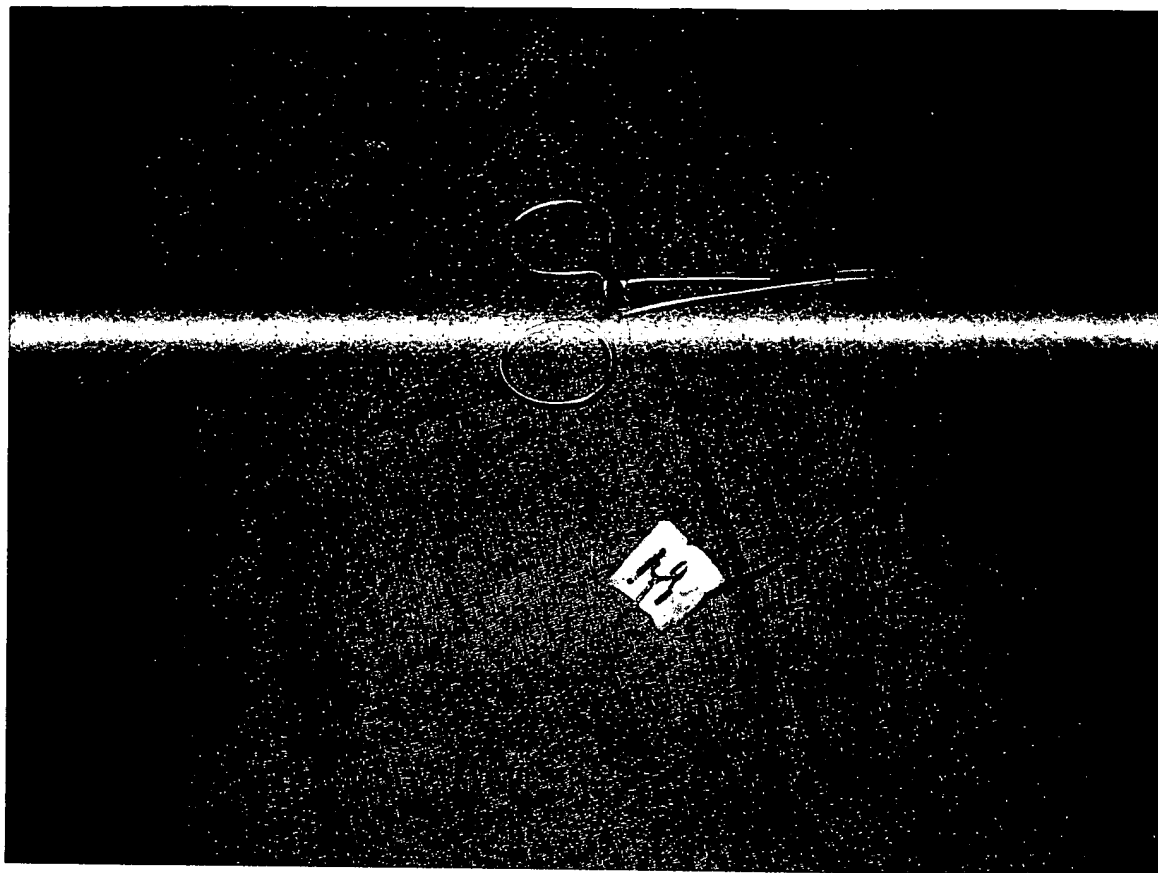


Figure 1. The flexible fiber drain is held by a small clamp. The drain is composed of off-the-shelf absorbable surgical threads (blue), and a soft cottonoid sponge (white).

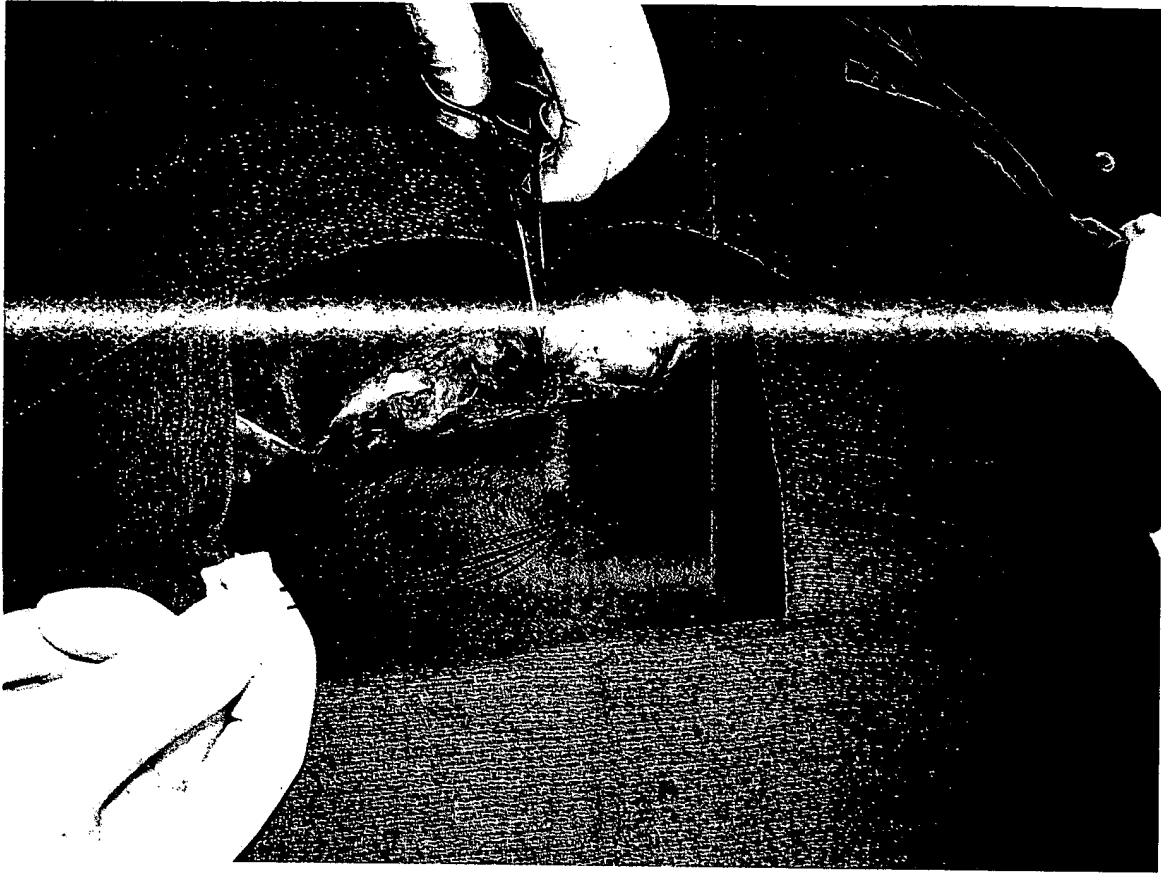


Figure 2. The flexible fibers are grasped by a clamp, which has been passed through the skin. The fibers are then pulled into the wound.

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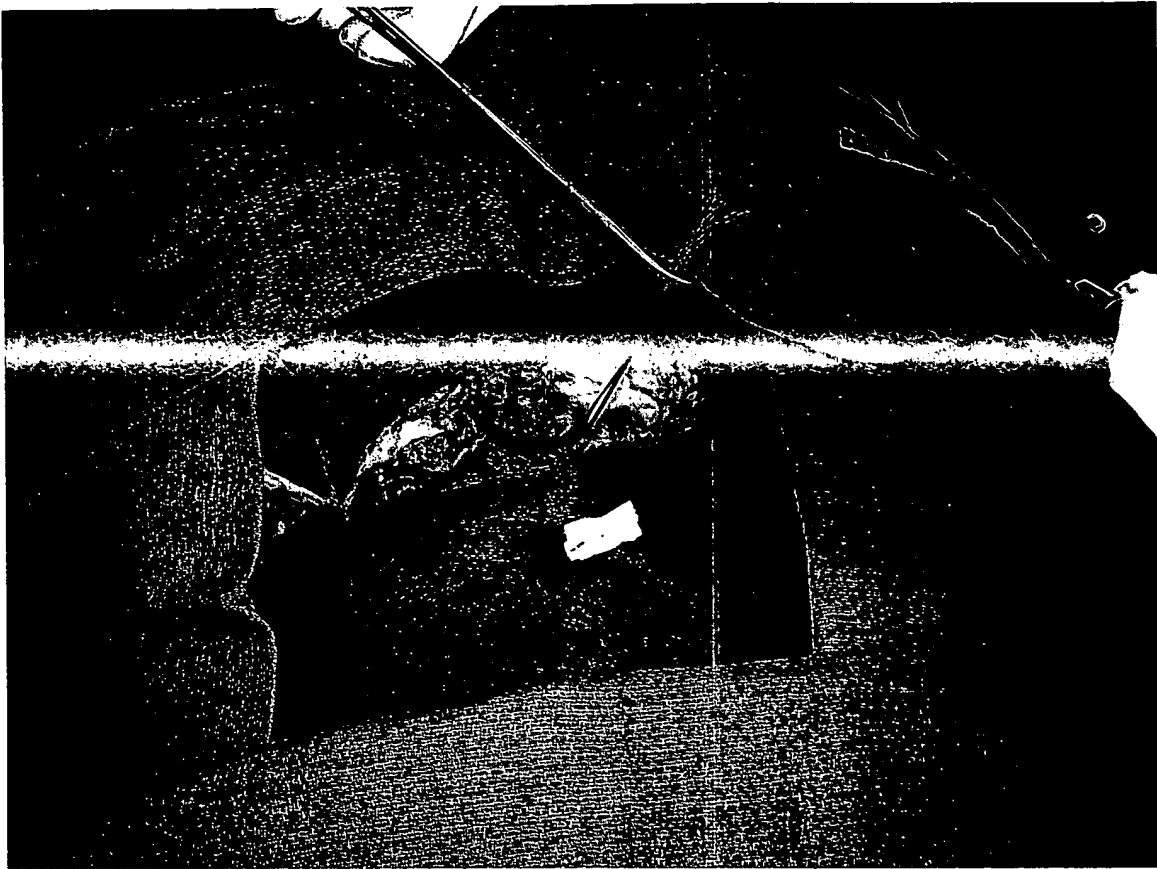


Figure 3. The fibers are seen being held up by the clamp inside the wound. The fibers allow fluid drainage through the opening in the skin. The cottonoid is sutured to the surface of the skin.

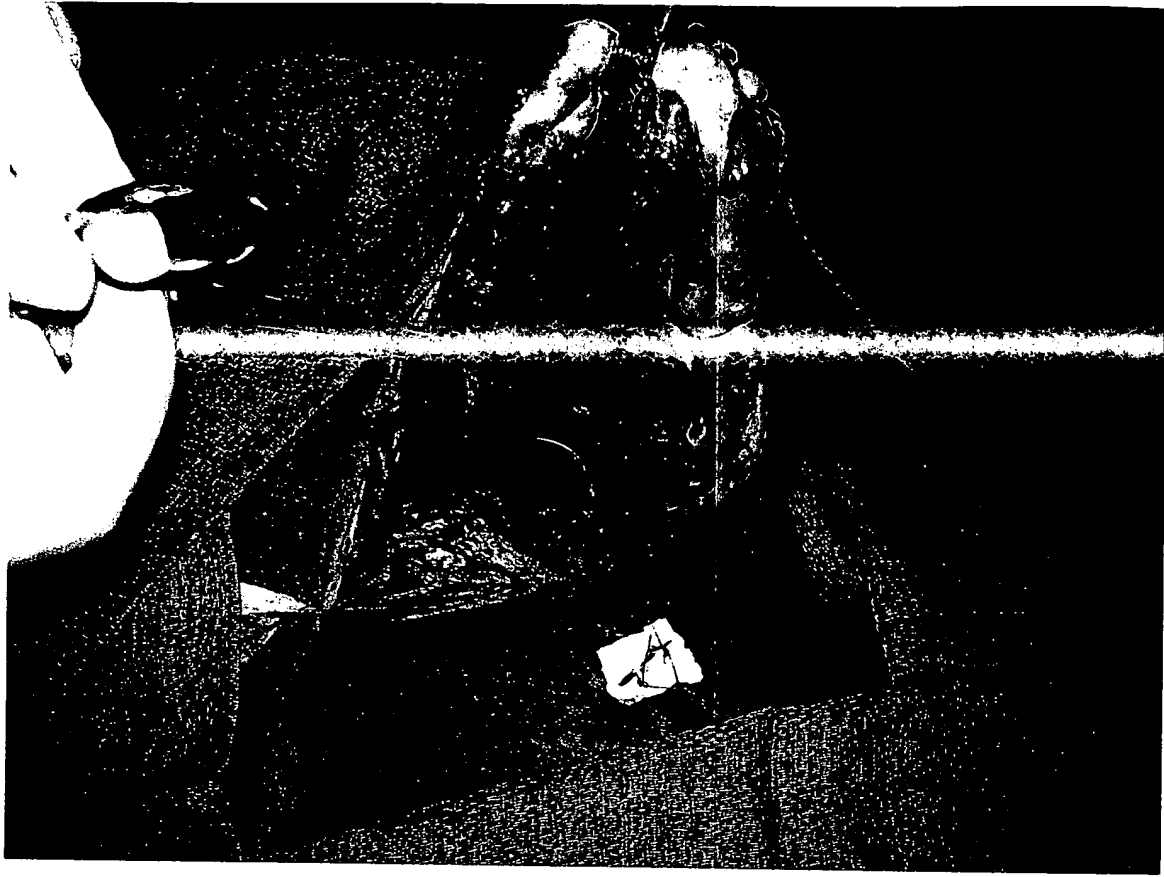


Figure 4. The suture drain is spread out to attract the clear fluid into the opening in the skin. The opening in the skin contains the only the flexible fibers.

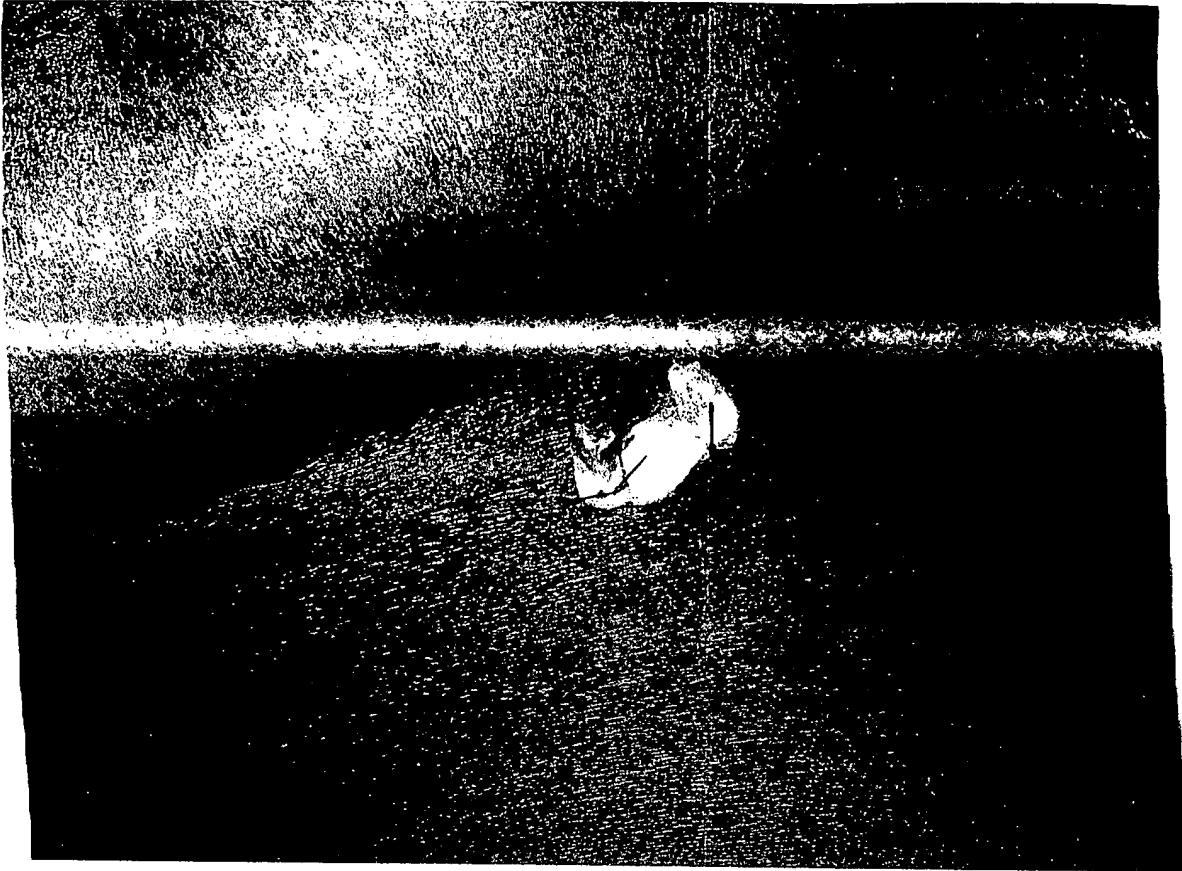


Figure 5. Closeup view of the cottonoid sutured to the skin. Fluid drains through the skin opening beneath the cottonoid. The flexible fiber drain causes no pain.

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